

# The State of Washington



## Proclamation

**WHEREAS**, September 21-27, 2008 marks the celebration of International Deaf Awareness Week; and

**WHEREAS**, this annual celebration is dedicated to promoting the social, cultural and educational lives of deaf, hard of hearing and deaf-blind people, and recognizes their achievements and capabilities; and

**WHEREAS**, the state of Washington offers its wholehearted welcome and best wishes to all observers and participants for a renewed spirit of togetherness with commitment to improve the quality of life for the deaf, hard of hearing and deaf-blind populations; and

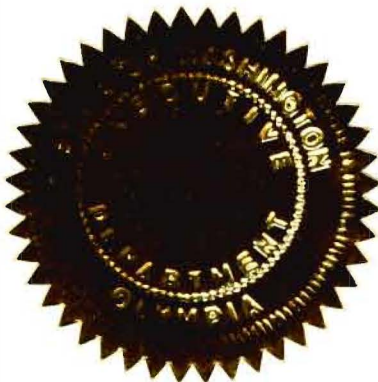
**WHEREAS**, Washington State's Office of the Deaf and Hard of Hearing has served the deaf, hard of hearing and deaf-blind people for more than 25 years; and

**WHEREAS**, the Office of the Deaf and Hard of Hearing will participate in the celebration;

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Christine O. Gregoire, Governor of the state of Washington, do hereby proclaim September 21-27, 2008, as

### **DEAF AWARENESS WEEK**

in Washington State, and I invite all of our citizens to join me in the observance of this occasion.



Signed, this 22<sup>nd</sup> day of September, 2008.

*Chris Gregoire*

Governor Christine O. Gregoire